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Interesting Possibility in the Fuel Situation

IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Pennsylvania Anthracite May Be Largely Replaced By New Fuel

At the meeting of the Physical Society, yesterday afternoon, Mr. Leslie R. Thomson, M.I.E.C., secretary of the Lignite Board, described the work which is being carried on by that body, of which Mr. R. A. Ross, of Montreal, is chairman, in connection with the utilization of the lignites of Saskatchewan.

The Board was instituted by Order-in-Council in 1918 on the recommendation contained in a report to the Cabinet from the Research Council. In this matter the Government was following the course of action which has been forced on all the allied governments during the war, namely that of relying largely on scientific advice in industrial matters.

Although Canada is second only to the United States in the matter of its coal resources, yet a large part of Canada, from Montreal as far west as Regina, is almost wholly dependent on the United States for its supply of domestic anthracite. Now the supply of anthracite in Pennsylvania is by no means inexhaustible, and it is almost certain that before long the United States will, for its own protection, be forced to prohibit the export of anthracite coal. Were no provision made for this, an awkward situation would arise in this country. Furthermore, at present Canada expends about \$6,000,000 annually for this coal, and about \$1,000,000 for freight, all of which goes to a foreign country, and adversely affects the rate of exchange.

An impetus was given to the lignite question by the war. The fuel committee reported that a briquetting method would be a suitable way of utilizing it. Accordingly, in 1918, an agreement was reached between the Dominion Government and the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan whereby the Dominion agreed to provide \$200,000 and the two provinces \$100,000 each for the purpose of working out some method for the production of a suitable fuel.

Laboratory experiments have shown that a carbonizing process is feasible, the fuel being first roasted at a low temperature and then pressed into briquettes by aid of a binder. In this way about two tons of the raw lignite can be made into one ton of a fuel comparable in calorific value with anthracite. In starting a plant for this purpose, there were two important questions—the question of the location and the question of patented processes and claims of inventors. As the Board is a government body, such claims

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MEDICINE '22 WON INTER-CLASS GAME

Defeated Freshmen in the First Game of League by Score 5-3

In a game that provided many thrills, both to players and spectators, Second Year Medicine defeated the First Year by the score of 5-3.

The game started off with a rush by Second Year, but the defence of First Year turned them aside. After a few minutes of play Hale made an end to end rush, in which he scored the first goal for the Sophs. The play at this time proceeding at a furious rate, with Second Year doing most of the rushing. After a pretty combination play Summers passed the puck to Murphy, who scored.

Hale followed in a short while with a brilliant rush, and put in another goal for the Sophs. The Freshies lived up at this stage, and McGillot, on a pass from Hall, scored for First Year. This ended the

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WHAT'S ON

To-day.

2.00 p.m.—Med. vs. Science—Basketball.
2.00 p.m.—McGill vs. M. A. A. A.—Junior Hockey
2.15 p.m.—Ski Run
8.15 p.m.—McGill vs. North Branch—Basketball.

Coming.

Sun., Feb. 9—Meeting of Maccabean Circle.
Mon., Feb. 10, 5.00 p.m.—Meeting of Medical Dance Committee.
Wed., Feb. 12, 7.30 p.m.—Orchestra Rehearsal, Strathcona Hall.
Wed., Feb. 12, 7.00-8.00 p.m.—3rd and 4th Year Sci. Class Hockey.
Wed., Feb. 12, 8.00-9.00 p.m.—1st and 2nd Year Sci. Class Hockey.
Thurs., Feb. 13, 7.00-8.00 p.m.—1st and 2nd Year Arts Class Hockey.
Fri., Feb. 14, 8.00-9.00 p.m.—3rd and 4th Year Meds. Class Hockey.
Feb. 21—Medical Dinner at Ritz-Carlton Hotel.
Feb. 28 — Union House Committee Formal Dance.

MCGILL JUNIORS TO PLAY M.A.A.A. TEAM

Games Will Take Place in the Victoria Rink at 2 o'clock

A scheduled game in the Junior Hockey League will be played at the Victoria Rink, from 2 to 3 o'clock this afternoon, when McGill plays the M.A.A.A. team.

The McGill Juniors are only one game behind the league leaders, and will try hard to credit themselves with a victory this afternoon, in order to remain in the standing. They have already defeated the Winged Wheelers on one occasion, but the latter have been strengthened by the addition of several new players since that game. However, the McGill team have improved considerably and will no doubt be able to make a very good showing to-day.

The M.A.A.A. team realize that they will have to win to-day to keep in the race, and will have all their players in uniform.

The games in the Junior Hockey League have all proved to be interesting, and were closely contested. There has been a large number of spectators at the majority of the games, and it is to be hoped that to-day will be no exception. There is no doubt but that the McGill team will be supported by a large portion of the onlookers.

The following men are asked to be at the rink at 1.30 o'clock, as the game will commence at 2 o'clock sharp—Lally, Hall, McNeider, McIntyre, Lowry, Murphy, Galley, Eager, McIntosh and Sabourin.

ENGINEERS ORGANIZE.

Civil, mechanical, chemical and electrical engineers in Alberta are seeking legal status as a registered branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada, and application will be made at the approaching meeting of the Alberta Legislature for an act to incorporate such a branch under the name of the Engineering Institute of Alberta. It is proposed to include in the scope of the new institute all branches of the technical service connected with the engineering business. The senate of the University of Alberta will control all examinations and the right of entry to the registry. At present the engineers have no legal status in the Province or the Dominion, and this action is being taken provincially before federal legislation is sought giving uniform standing to the engineering profession throughout Canada.

CANADA'S WHEAT YIELD.

The total yield of wheat for Canada in 1918 is returned as 189,301,350 bushels, according to a bulletin issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In 1917 the corresponding figures were 232,742,850 bushels. The yield of oats in 1918 was 380,273,500 bushels, compared with 403,009,800 bushels in 1917.

SARLES WINS 100-MILE RACE.

Without a stop Roscoe Sarles won the 100-mile free-for-all automobile race at Ascot Speedway, Los Angeles, in 1h. 27m. 52 s.-54., an average of 68.18 miles an hour. Omar Toft took second place and Edward Heame third.

LECTURE WAS GIVEN TO THE MED. SOCIETY

Dr. Oertel Spoke to Medical Students Last Night

"HISTORY OF PATHOLOGY" Advises Men to Approach Their Studies from a Historical Angle

The speaker at the regular meeting of the Medical Society last night was Dr. Oertel, Acting Professor of Pathology in the Medical School.

His subject, "The History of Pathology," was treated by the talented professor in characteristic manner. In a quiet voice he recounted the picturesque struggle of the human mind to know and to record the abnormal conditions of the body known as disease. The speaker pointed out that present knowledge generally acquires its full meaning only in the reflected light of the past, and recommended that students could do far worse than approach their professional studies from the historical angle.

The subject matter of the address covered the early beliefs of disease as observed by Hippocrates and his school, the stimulus given to pathology by closer study of anatomy, the fantastic conceptions of early medicine and religion, superstitions, the discovery of special tissues and the construction of the theory that these special tissues developed special diseases, and finally the great overtopping advance by Virchow in establishing the theory of cell pathology which remains to-day the secure foundation of the science.

The speaker observed, that like actors, superstitions, or their kin, appear time and time again in the great play of life—as Humoral Medicine of Hippocrates, or, in modern time, Christian Science and Osteopathy. Now and again these cults appear in simple childlike ways, frequently in cultured and polished garb—while Truth goes on in a quiet "circuitous yet ever widening circle."

Prof. Lloyd, of the Biology Department, who was a visitor, made a few observations on the great value of historical study in Medicine.

Preceding the address, several matters of routine business were disposed of. The committee appointed to enquire into a suitable bronze tablet to commemorate undergraduates who fell in the war made their report, which was accepted. The contract for this memorial will be let soon and the tablet dedicated in the spring. It is understood the Faculty will erect a similar memorial for members of the professoriate who fell on foreign service.

Besides, a suitable Roll of Honour will be erected, bearing the names of those who served abroad.

The society expressed itself as being

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NORTH BRANCH TO PLAY THE SENIORS

Win To-night Will Place McGill on Top of Basketball League.

What promises to be the best basketball game played so far this season will be staged this evening at the Central "Y," when the McGill seniors meet the North Branch quintette.

The McGill team has not met with a defeat since the league has been inaugurated, but has not played with the North Enders, who have also been successful in winning all their games. Both of the teams have been practising faithfully during the past few weeks, and neither will be able to ascribe a defeat to lack of condition. The team which is successful in winning to-night will be in a position to withstand any attempts on the part of the other teams to oust them from first place, and they will be practically certain to carry off the honors for the season.

The North Branch team will have a large body of supporters on hand to cheer them on, and it is important

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INTER-FACULTY HOCKEY.

The enthusiasm shown by the students at the first of the inter-class hockey games, last night, augurs well for the success of the league this year. There was never any reason why this league should not have been of primary interest to the student body, but through bad management it never obtained enough support.

This year, with a schedule definitely prepared, we may hope for a succession of very interesting games. Should the inter-class schedule be played off at a reasonably early date, we may yet have time to prepare an inter-faculty schedule before the ice goes away. The inter-faculty schedule has been broached several times during the past few years, but owing to the fact that the class games were not played in the early part of the season they were never able to play any regular games.

The formation of the league this year would form a precedent which might be easily continued next year. There is an opportunity to enliven the college sport, at hand. Let us not miss it.

SMOKERS.

Last year the students were entertained from time to time by smokers, the majority of which were held in the McGill Union. These proved to be an excellent means of getting the students together, and were always well attended. This year a few faculty smokers were held at the beginning of the session, but since then nothing has been heard concerning them.

It has been the custom, during the past years, for the Union to hold smokers for students of all faculties. These functions enabled the men of the different faculties to meet, many of whom would never have done so in the ordinary course of events. Is it too much to ask that these smokers should be continued this year?

We realize the fact that the proposed dance, to be given by the Union, will prove to be very enjoyable, yet, we can think of nothing which will compare with a smoker as a real entertainment for all the students.

MEDICINE '22 WON INTER-CLASS GAME

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scoring for the first half.

As soon as the second half commenced the Second Year men again rushed matters, and in a short while Summers, on a pass from Laishley, scored for them. The play then slowed up somewhat but Hale secured the puck and rushed through the whole team and scored another goal.

The '22 men at this stage were beginning to show the strain of the fast pace set by themselves in the first period, and the Freshies took the opportunity to make several attempts at scoring. McGilliot secured the puck and rushed through the Second Year team and scored. At this point Mayor, of First Year, was carried off with a supposedly broken wrist. The play got rough, with the Freshies faring the worst. McGilliot again secured the puck and on an end to end rush scored another for First Year. This ended the scoring, as full time was called shortly afterwards.

It would be hard to differentiate between the members of the Second Year team, although Hale, Summers and Murphy played hard and effectively. Stenson, in goals, played a stellar game, putting aside many shots that appeared as sure goals. Naud, Archibald and Laishley also played well.

For the Freshies, McGilliot played a great game. Hall and Clement also showed up well.

There were a large number of supporters from both Years, and they rallied on their respective teams in no modulated voice or manner, and several Sophs. were heard to implore their team to help replenish the dis-

secting room with new "stiffs." The Freshies tried to appear savage in their yells, but were apparently cowed by the attitude of the Sophs. Amongst those present several of the "Freshettes" of Medicine '23 were observed.

Line-up:
Med. '22.
Stenson... Goal... Hamilton
Hale... Defence... McGilliot
Naud... Defence... Hall
Murphy... Forward... Clement
Laishley... Forward... Lawson
Summers... Forward... Mayor
Sophs: Med. '22, Archibald, McCormick, MacIntosh, McDonald; Med. '23, Ackman.

NORTH BRANCH TO PLAY THE SENIORS

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that McGill should not be lacking in this respect. If a large body of rooters are on hand to cheer the Red and White team it will assist very much in helping them to win. There has been a large representation of McGill men at all the games, so far, but it is hoped that the gallery will be packed by then to-night.

There is a nominal charge of fifteen cents admission, used to help cover the expenses of the team. Help along a thriving college activity, enjoy a good game, and show a little college spirit, by turning out to-night.

The team likely to start the game will be composed of the following men:

MONTGOMERY
KERN
HAY
UPHAM
YOUNG
UPHAM.

UTILIZATION OF LIGNITES IN THE WEST

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have to be investigated, and if they are rejected it must be for cause shown. This investigation occupied the Board for some months. The site had to be chosen where the lignites available were not too high in ash, as the ash content in the briquettes is double that in the raw material. The Bureau of Mines therefore made an analysis of nearly every seam in Saskatchewan, and it was decided on the basis of this to locate the plant somewhere in the vicinity of Estevan. The Board will acquire mineral rights of its own and will thus become entirely independent of the mining interests.

It is not possible to ship lignite in the crude state, as it breaks up into a fine powder. The low temperature carbonization produces somewhat less than 3,000 feet of gas per ton, which is a little less than the amount necessary to heat the retorts. There is no trouble owing to formation of massive coke in the retorts, as the product is powdery, but, however, it absorbs large quantities of binder. If tar binders are used, the briquettes must be again roasted if smokelessness is desired. There are various kinds of briquettes on the market, and various processes for making them. The Board sent Messrs. Stansfield and French to the United States to investigate these processes. They found that it was not possible to recommend any particular process, as the industry was by no means in a highly developed state. But there are several processes now under test, out of which it is almost certain that a proper commercial process can be developed.

There, of course, remains the attitude of the public towards the new fuel. During the present winter lignite is the only fuel available in many places, and householders have perforce had to use it; but as the winter has been so mild it has not been found possible to form a clear opinion on the use of the untreated lignites. All agree that they are dirty for domestic use, and that they clog up the furnaces, but whether the difference in price between the briquettes and the anthracite will induce the householders to buy them remains to be seen.

However, the Board considers that the development of the deposits is in the public interest, and that the knowledge they will gain will either enable them to produce a marketable fuel or to show once for all that the lignite deposits are not commercially available.

INDIAN STUDENTS AND EXAMS.

The following table shows how persistently students in India follow the path of examination as the be-all and end-all of education. It should especially be noted how few of the successful candidates in the matriculation tests of the various universities in the selected year proceed to take a B.A. or B.Sc. degree.

	Candidates	Passed
Intermediate ..	16,000	6,000
Matriculation ..	30,000	18,000
B.A. examination ..	9,143	4,686
B.Sc. examination ..	788	440

NOTICES

Med. Basketball.
Will the following men kindly turn out for Medicine against Science, at 2:00 p.m., to-day, in the Central Y. M. C. A. All players are asked to be on time, as a win would give Medicine the championship.

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Mandolin Club.
Owing to the mid-term examinations being held next week, there will be no practice of the Mandolin Club on Monday evening.

Members will be pleased to know that their annual engagement at the American Presbyterian Church Sunday School Entertainment will take place some time in March. Arrangements are being made to play at Macdonald College in the near future.

Medical Dance Committee.
There will be a meeting of the Medical Dance Committee in the New Medical Building, at 5:00 o'clock, Monday afternoon.

Representatives please take notice.

Lost.
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LECTURES WERE GIVEN TO THE MED. SOCIETY

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in favour of student representation on the Committee of Morals and Discipline.

Subject to the approval of the Faculty, it was decided to hold a dance at the Medical School, likely in March. The following committee was appointed: Pardo, Power, Brown, and Misses Boyd and Storey.

Mr. Frawley reported that arrangements were all but complete for the annual dinner, which will take place in the Ritz, on February 21, when Dr. Thos. McCrae, of Jefferson Medical School, will be the guest of honour.

Messrs. Hope, Fels and Cameron contributed music while refreshments were served.

The president of the society, H. A. Wheaton, B.Sc., presided.

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great—the girls are all there beaming
(a beam is a chunk of wood, you
know). Come on, old chap, just try it,
let's get out our trusty skates and go,
I'm sick of this beastly quiet.

Now, what can compare with the
joys of the ice? There's nought with
it may compete—you scorn all your
comrades' sage advice, and you skate
yourself off your feet. Think but of
the joys of tearing about in front of
your chosen queen, and tripping over
some clumsy lout and shooting upon
your beam; of gazing into her misty
eyes, to find what a lot you've missed,
and pitying all of the other guys
whose names aren't down on her list;
and finding out later that she's en-
gaged, and tearing your head off to-
ward, but, of course, that's long ago!
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you went, some day, when you sit and
think of the many happy hours you
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Passes are good things in a hockey
game, all right, but it's a funny thing
that the chaps who seem to handle
them best in front of the nets get out
of practice by the time the exams
come round.

WILD ANIMALS WE HAVE KNOWN.

V.—The Gaper.

By Nat. U. Ralist.
The Gaper is popularly supposed to
be a South American animal, but in
reality is quite common in our midst.
Like the Quippopotamus, the Gaper is
a Pachyderm (see the Daily of three
weeks back), its chief claim to dis-
tinction being its nasal appendage,
which is very long and pointed. It,
the Gaper, while not possessed of a
ferocious appearance, is the cause of
a great deal of annoyance owing to
its habit of poking its head and nose
into places where the need of these is
not particularly apparent, and stand-
ing with its mouth open and an en-
quiring look upon its countenance—
an exceedingly exasperating practice.

The Gaper is distantly related to the
Bellowant, which we shall treat later,
and possesses the same knack of
trumpeting loudly at times, this habit
contributing to the unpopularity of
both creatures. It is quite often seen
in the vicinity of the Arts Building,
particularly in front of the Notice
Board when the R.V.C. students are
coming out of lectures.

POET SCORNER.

(Edited by Pyrotechnic Pete.)

Judge of our surprise, dear peruser
of this column, when there was shot
into our hand last night the following
brief scrap of (what shall we call it,
rhyme?) from a quarter whence we
had already received liberal contribu-
tions. Needless to say, we were
shocked to hear of the fashion in
which the writer had apparently been
treated at the hands of the make-up
men; we only trust that the
"faithful contributors" who are re-
sponsible for to-day's R.V.C. Note
will not be disappointed once more.

The little comment with regard to
"lasting verse" struck home with
peculiar effect, as we were feeling
somewhat sleepy at the time, and after

glancing at the contribution, had be-
gun to fear that "lasting" was its
strong point. The writer follows
with the statement that the remarks
in the section under consideration are
"pithy and well-expressed"; again we
would refer the reader to to-day's
Note for corroboration. "You all
agree, so we'll let that rest," blithely
goes on the poetess; let it rest, say
we, by all means—until all turns blue.
It needs it—no, hold on a minute, we
didn't mean to be insulting.

In line eleven, we note the phrase
"grievously scanned"; this, we feel,
might apply to the "rhyme" of a cer-
tain poetess whom we shall not fur-
ther designate, for when it comes to
scansion (we had almost said scanti-
ling) we admit frankly that there is
no competing with the writers who
hail from a certain great educational
institution you wot of. The base
libel upon our staff of news editors
we pass over without comment other
than to state that there is no inten-
tion to amuse on their part—anyone
who attempted to create amusement in
certain quarters after past experience
were, indeed, bereft of reason. The
brutal "we cannot agree" seems to us
rather ungracious after the cheerful
fashion in which we are supposed
previously to have agreed without
cavil, see line ten.

The writer comes out with the
words that in describing her effusion
the term "poetry" seems worse than
another. This, we think, is truly
said. Let us be anything but ridicu-
lous. The bold step taken in rhym-
ing "Chefs-d'oeuvre" with "observe,"
however it might meet with the ap-
probation of the students of Strat-
ford-atte-Bowe is we feel beyond the
narrow limits of our powers of de-
scription.

To return to the main theme, we
are frightfully sorry that the arrange-
ment of the headings for the "Hum-
orous and solemn" articles does not
meet with approval; we can only sug-
gest the labelling in future of all such
contributions, thus, "Joke" or "Ser-
ious Matter." This we are sure will
prevent misconceptions.

At the fifth line from the last our
patience revolts, but a fragment of
gallantry prevents us from contra-
dicting the authoress. "There are
quite a few sundries we neglected to
mention," with these words the effort
draws to a close. We agree—notably
the Solar System, the Molecular

Theory, The Essence of Being, the
Population of Hong-Kong and two or
three billion other interesting little
facts. Whenever we wish to get a
clear idea of any of these, we shall
insert a notice in the Daily and take
a few years' holiday, to insure our
having enough time to read through
the response, which we are sure will
be forthcoming.

A Reply to the Request Published in Last Saturday's Daily.

We were greatly surprised, last week,
when we read

The Editor's note, which cheerfully
said:

He felt that the R.V.C. was averse
to make famous their 'column in
lasting verse.

So gladly we hasten to fulfil his behest
And pen this eulogy at his request.
And first, I feel, we must all concede
To this excellent column praise in
due need.

Its remarks are pithy and well
expressed.

You all agree—so we'll let that rest.
But what we have often grievously
scanned

Is the starting fashion in which it
is planned.

By masculine minds that edit the
news.

Whatever their intention, it does not
amuse.

The faithful contributors when they've
perceived

The fruit of their labours, of all verse
bereaved,

By a careful commingling of
extraneous matter
Of no logical sequence with the
latter.

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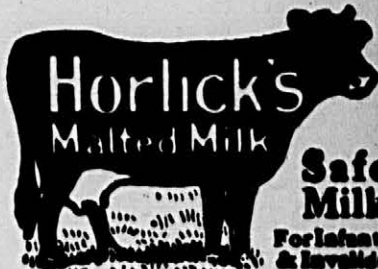
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QUIPS

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Perhaps the editor's mind, which is classic,
stung of pseudo Apollon's puy philosophic,
Has natural liking for pot-pourri—
Unfortunately, though, we cannot agree.

Still, this we'd endure if he'd not try
To blacken our character with base calumny.

When it was announced in our column discreet,
That Med. '22 soo would meet,
And that all were invited to join the throng,
And with speeches and smoking the evening prolong—

When this met our vision, we felt it was time
To voice our grievance in what we'll call rhyme,
Since the editor seems to dislike the word "verse,"
And the other term "poetry" seems to us worse.

(Perhaps this is because we have read some of his
Whose purport's poetical, whatever it is!)
Well, to proceed—there are other chefs-d'oeuvres
Of our composing which you may observe,
Quite frequently published apart from our column,
Dealing with matters both humorous and solemn.

These also are treated with great naïveté—
The printing is marvellous and fearful to see.
Then one of the tricks in which they delight
Is to hold precious copy back for a night;
And then feed the public with news that is stale;
Or else to announce, a week after it's over,
A tea to be held. The headings, moreover,
Give excellent scope for male ingenuity.

As when they announce (without a gratuity;
I rather fancy from loyal Caledonians,
Who have pride in themselves like the Ionians)
That Scotch sense of humour's a thing of the past.
We find that the time has gone much too fast;

We're forced to conclude; though if the editor
Still is unsatisfied and desirous for more,
There are quite a few sundries we neglected to mention,
To which, if he wishes, we'll call his attention.

* Ed. Note.—See page 4.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Dear Iva,—As you seem to be able to answer most anything, perhaps you can tell me what the feminine form of wall-flower is?

Yours, MISS OGYNIST.

Dear Miss,—Walnut.

Yours, IVA PAYNE.

Dear Iva,—Perhaps you have noticed that there are several students around the university who apparently think that there is nobody of any account on the earth but themselves. Now, the point of my letter is just this: Can you propose some means or method to lower these prudes, these exalted ones, these fakers of a higher plane to a common level; to pull them down a peg; yes, to show them that they are humbugs?

Yours in haste, GAS PING.

P.S.—As retail printers make exorbitant charges, please prescribe something that will not necessitate the printing of invitations.

Dear Gas,—We take great pleasure in recommending to you that admirable little work of Webster's. We refer, of course, to the well-known dictionary. Yours, IVA PAYNE.

TOUGH LUCK

The other day when on the street
A science freshe I did meet,
His glare was fierce enough to pierce
The armour plating on a ship,
And soon he had me in his grip.

He then commenced his dreadful tale;
N'er have I heard as loud a wail;
'Twas awful dear his tale to hear,
He simply roared it in my ear,
And put my ear drums out of gear.

His eloquence fair knocked me out;
His words flowed forth as from a spout.
'Math'matics,' said he, 'are no use to me;
With Physics and drawing I just don't agree.

The uses of shopwork I simply can't see.
'What good's composition to practical men,
All that you learn is forgotten again.
It just doesn't pay,' was all he could say.

'To come here for lectures the whole blooming day,
And waste all my valuable time in that way.

Yo-ho! for the days of the wild aborigine
Whose enemies hated him fully and feelingly.
He'd lay 'em quite dead.
With a tap on the head;
And to think we've descended from such men as he!

—Contributed.
(Ed. Note.—After reading "poetry" like this we feel quite capable of doing what the aborigines used to.)

WHO

were the prominent students who broke the pledge last week without knowing it?

WHO

was the Law man who was so interested in "the taste?"

WHO

is the R.V.C. Senior who experiences such difficulty in holding her notebook in place by means of a carefully placed thumb-tack?

WHO

are the Fourth Year Donalds who exchange rings in lectures by way of diversion?

WHO

were the R.V.C. Seniors who contemplated taking a slide yesterday?

WHO

was the R.V.C. Junior who was seen moodily wending her way north-east Friday at 6.30?

WHO

is the member of Science '21 known as Sonny Jim? And

WHY

does he dislike to be called so by the young ladies? Is he the one also known as Baby George?

WHO

is the R.V.C. student who gave such an excellent imitation of wolves howling, at 1.55 on Wednesday, in the Arts Building?

WHO

are the R.V.C. students who think that a certain advertisement in the Daily should be carried into effect?

WHO

was the canine visitor to the first year advanced French class on Wednesday afternoon?

WHO

enticed him in to have his education finished?

WHO

successfully outflanked the R.V.C. Junior in an English lecture on Friday?

WHO

are the two R.V.C. resident sophs who fight? And

WHAT

do they fight about?

WHO

is the Sophist who feeds the gentlemen in History class with chocolates?

WHO

is the little reformer in R.V.C.?

WHO

is the hope of the boys in Arts '21?

WHO

is the Freshette who has no conception of the time while skating?

WHO

is the Sophist who finds the Library the ideal place to study at night?

WHO

is her devoted escort?

WHO

is the Arts Freshman who found one hymn-book quite enough for two people at last Sunday night's sing?

WHO

shared the book with him?

WHAT

did he say when a second was offered to them?

WHO

were the two Sophias who were holding hands in English Literature?

WHO

were the two R.V.C. Sophs who had such a nice slide in front of the Arts Building Friday afternoon?

WHERE

did they get that toboggan?

HOW

did they escape that tree?

WHO

is the R.V.C. Freshette who doesn't recognize England when she sees it?

WHO

is the sober-minded member of R.V.C. '22 who has six on her hands? (Fingers? Engagement-rings?)

WHO

was the Prof. who said to a class in Algebra, "You don't know what you are talking about or what you are saying about it?"

WHO

is the Arts professor who dislikes "lady physicians"?

WHO

is the late arrival in Third Year Arts who bet a girl he could do the Chemical Balance in Physics Lab. in twenty minutes, and then took twenty-one?

WHO

Was it a put-up job? And

WHO

was the Second Year B. Sc. student he made the bet with?

WHO

are the "committee of six"?

WHAT

made them realize their humble position to such an extent that they considered it their duty to take a feather out of the cap of a very exalted person in a questionable way?

R. V. C. NOTE

There will be an exhibit of Handicraft Work at the University Settlement, on Saturday afternoon, February 8. Tea will be served from four to six. The proceeds are to go to the Settlement.

THE LIBRARY AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM

It has become customary to start the history of the British Museum Library with a transaction which took place between the British Government and Sir Hans Sloane in 1753, but, as a matter of fact, the genesis of this library should be recorded 20 years earlier. The event chronicled upon this date of Oct. 23, 1731, is a fire at Ashburnham House which partly destroyed the famous Cottonian Library, and emphasized in the minds of influential patrons of learning the absolute necessity of properly housing the great collections which as yet had escaped the same fate.

That portion of the Cottonian collection which was saved from the flames still exists as an important and valuable part of the present British Museum. Sir Robert Cotton was a real booklover and a natural collector. When summoned by Queen Elizabeth to Calais as Royal Commissioner in arranging a treaty between England and Spain, it was with sincere regret that he accepted the appointment, because it took him away from his library and from the research in which he found the greatest delight of life. Later, Cotton's political activities aroused the suspicions of Charles I, and, as a result, his beloved library was sealed up and he himself arrested. When later a royal messenger came to him with the message that under certain conditions he might be restored to court favour, Cotton replied, "You come too late, my heart is broken."

The famous library was restored years later to Sir Robert's son and successor, Sir Thomas Cotton, who inherited, also, his father's love of books. From Sir Thomas it came down to Sir John Cotton, who presented the collection to the nation in 1700. The Cotton Library, therefore, should be considered the nucleus to which the other collections were added.

Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford, was another early benefactor. His famous collection was well started prior to 1705, and shortly attained definite proportions. His purchase of the library of Sir Symonds d'Ewes for £6,000, made an invaluable addition to his own treasures. Queen Anne had previously declined to purchase this collection because "while the blood and honour of the nation was at stake in her wars, she could not, till she had secured her living subjects an honourable peace bestow their money upon dead letters."

This collection later passed into the hands of Edward Harley, his father's successor to the title of Earl of Oxford. Edward possessed greater love of books for their own sake than did his father. While he was at Oxford, for instance, and before he was 20

years of age, his expense account for a half year included more than £40 for books and bindings. Feeling that this excessive amount required explanation, young Edward wrote his father, "I am extremely ashamed of... what's paid to the bookseller and bookbinder.... It is the first of this sort that ever I was guilty of, so I assure you it shall be the last." Fortunately for the British Museum Library, Edward Harley did not live up to his self-imposed limitation, and his additions to his father's collections were large and important.

This brings us to Sir Hans Sloane, where the chronicle usually begins. Sir Hans was physician, naturalist, and antiquary, and during his lifetime accumulated an extraordinary collection of books, manuscripts, drawings, prints, together with collections of natural and artificial curiosities. Toward the end of his life he offered them to the British nation, provided the government paid his exorbitant some £20,000, which he estimated to be one-fourth of the intrinsic value of his collections. The real value was probably somewhat less than his estimate, but the price at which the British nation acquired his treasures was surely less than half their value, which made the contribution of Sir Hans a princely one under any circumstances.

To persuade King George II, so indifferent to the importance of letters and so miserly regarding the expenditure of money save for his own pleasures, that so large a sum should be paid was no easy task, and when the memorial was first presented to him he remarked, "I do not think there are £20,000 in the treasury." Fortunately, however, there was influence

enough among those favouring the acquisition of this important collection to push the matter to a conclusion. As a result, an act was passed through Parliament authorizing the holding of a lottery to raise £300,000, out of which £30,000 should be paid to the executors of Sir Hans and the Countess of Oxford, and an additional £30,000 invested at interest in the public funds to provide for salaries and other expenses. Beyond this, an adequate sum was to be devoted to a suitable building for the collections. This act passed Parliament in 1753, and marks the definite foundation of the British Museum.

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